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SUBJECT: CRIES OF ANGUISH GREET NAMIBIAN PROVISIONAL
INDEPENDENCE DATE

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SUMMARY: COINCIDENT WITH RETURN OF PRESIDENT KAUNDA FROM
NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT AUGUST 19 GRZ SPOKESMAN AND UN COMMISSIONER
FOR NAMIBIA SEAN MCBRIDE, ARRIVING FROM NEW YORK FOR AUGUST
25 OPENING OF NAMIBIA INSTITUTE, HARSHLY CRITIZED WINDHOEK
CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT OF DECEMBER 31, 1978 AS PROVISIONAL
DATE FOR NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE. GRZ PERMANENT SECRETARY FOR
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FOREIGN AFFAIRS PUTTEHO NGONDA TOEING THE ZAMBIAN LINE

(REFTEL) DESCRIBED WINDHOEK TALKS AS FRUITLESS SINCE THEY EXCLUDED SWAPO THE AUTHENTIC AND LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF NAMIBIAN PEOPLE. UN COMMISSIONER MCBRIDE REPORTEDLY TOLD PRESS THAT WINDHOEK ANNOUNCEMENT DOES NOT COMPLY WITH UNSC DECISION THAT THERE SHOULD BE FREE ELECTIONS IN NAMIBIA UNDER UN SUPERVISION. END SUMMARY

1. AUGUST 20 DAILY MAIL GAVE ACCOUNT OF COMMENTS BY GRZ PERMANENT FOREIGN SECRETARY PUTTEHO NGONDA. HE SUPPORTED SWAPO SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PASTOR FESTUS NAHOLO'S AUGUST 19 TOTAL REJECTION OF DECEMBER 31, 1978 AS AGREED TARGET FOR NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE. GRZ PERMANENT SECRETARY NGONDA CALLED TALKS GOING ON IN WINDHOEK FRUITLESS BECAUSE THEY EXCLUDED SWAPO, WHICH IS AUTHENTIC AND LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF NAMIBIAN PEOPLE. THE REINS OF THE COUNTRY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO SWAPO NOT TO PUPPET GROUPS WHICH CAN BE MANIPULATED BY RACIST REGIME.

2. ACCOUNTS OF AN INTERVIEW GIVEN BY SEAN MCBRIDE, UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA ON HIS ARRIVAL IN LUSAKA AUGUST 20 VARY IN DETAILS, BUT LEAVE CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT MCBRIDE IS UNRECONCILED TO ANNOUNCEMENT OF DECEMBER 31, 1978 AS PROVISIONAL INDEPENDENCE DATE. HE IS QUOTED AS BEING UNALTERABLY OPPOSED TO ANY SCENARIO WHICH EXCLUDES UN ROLE AND INVOLVEMENT IN THE PROCESS LEADING TO NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE. ANY DISCUSSION ON FUTURE OF NAMIBIA NOT UNDERTAKEN DIRECTLY WITH SWAPO AND UN WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE TO LEADERS OF AFRICA. MCBRIDE REPORTEDLY SEES WINDHOEK PROPOSALS AS PLOY TO BUY MORE TIME TO SET UP A QUISLING GOVERNMENT AND TO NAMIBIANIZE CONFLICT. MCBRIDE ALSO EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT UN WOULD FIND ACCEPTABLE ANY ELECTIONS IN NAMIBIA WHICH ARE NOT ORGANIZED, SUPERVISED AND CONTROLLED BY UN. REFERRING TO AUGUST 31 DEADLINE FOR SOUTH AFRICAN WITHDRAWAL, MCBRIDE SAID THAT IF THIS NOT ACCOMPLISHED STEPS WOULD BE TAKEN TO FORCE SOUTH AFRICA OUT OF NAMIBIA. A PROGRAM OF ACTION AGAINST RACIST REGIME HAD ALREADY BEEN WORKED OUT INCLUDING IMPOSITION OF STRICT EMBARGO OF ALL MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO SOUTH AFRICA. IN ADDITION, COUNCIL OF NAMIBIA WOULD TAKE MEASURES TO FORBID EXPORTATION OF ALL NATIONAL RESOURCES FROM NAMIBIA.

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